IR. MANJE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).—

Q.—48. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of criminal cases instituted during 1938-39 in he Special First Class Magistrate's Court, Chikmagalur;

(*b*) how many of these are Government cases;

(*c*) how many have been disposed of;

(*d*) the balance of pendency;

(*e*) the number of adjournments granted in respect of the unlisposed of cases ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—

A.—48. (*a*) 426.

(*b*) 348.

(*c*) 422.

(*d*) 4.

(*e*) 53, 36, 35 and 29 respectively

MR. A. MIDDLETON (Special Interests).—

Q.—51. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they contemplate any increase in taxation on land utilised for fruit cultivation especially oranges, once the trees are in full bearing;

(*b*) whether they contemplate to levy any fees on bee-hives in the future;

[*N.B.*—Villagers state that Government are trying to encourage both the above so that they may impose taxes in future.]

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasaktha* B T. Kesavaiengar).—

A.—51. (*a*) and (*b*) The reply is in the negative.

MR. GOWDA ESWARAPPA of Dogganahal (Holalkere Taluk).—

Q.—53. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

why the avenue trees have not been handed over to the raiyats as yet even though this matter was moved in the meetings of this Assembly two or three times before ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. E. Noronha).—

A.—53. Such of the trees, the rights over which have been conclusively established by the parties concerned, have been left in their possession.

MR. BASAPPA *alias* ROGAPPA (Harihar Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—54. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total indebtedness of the landholders in the State;

(*b*) whether they have conducted any economic survey in this matter; if so, the details may be furnished districtwar;

(*c*) whether any such survey was conducted in respect of the Chitaldrug District;

(*d*) whether, if such a survey is undertaken, it would not facilitate the adoption of suitable measures to reduce the heavy indebtedness of the raiyats ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. E. Noronha).—

A.—54. (*a*) The agricultural indebtedness in the State including accrued interest was estimated at Rs. 35 crores by the Agriculturists Relief Committee in 1935.

(*b*) No such general survey has been made, but *ad hoc* surveys for tackling specific problems have been conducted by the Department of Industries and Commerce and also by other Government Departments.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Government do not think the result would be commensurate with the cost involved.

MR. M. MADIAH (Minorities).—

Q.—57. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their knowledge, that on account of the unhealthy competition of the non-Adikarnatakas, the Government order regarding the grant of lands free of cost to the landless Adikarnatakas has not been of an appreciable benefit to them;

(*b*) if so, whether they would kindly adopt remedial measures to make the said Government order more beneficial to the community?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasaktha* B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

A.—57 (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

MR. JATHARE NAIK (Minorities).—

Q.—59. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of applications received by Government so far from members of the Depressed Classes praying for the free grant of timber to them in accordance with the Government order directing that timber to the extent of Rs. 15 in value may be given free to the members of the Depressed Classes for building houses;

(*b*) how many of these applications have been sanctioned (talukwar details may kindly be furnished)?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J Appaji Gowda).—

A.—59. (*a*) and (*b*) *Vide* statement below:—

Name of taluk	*Number of applications received*	*Number sanctioned.*
Madhugiri	22 ...	22
Tumkur	3 ...	...
Magadi	1 ...	...
Nelamangala	9 ...	9
Shimoga	1 ...	1
Channagiri	23 ...	22
Shikaripur	1 ...	...
Sorab	5 ...	5
Nagar	16 ...	16
Thirthahalli	69 ...	69